Festivals and Customs in Asia

Asia is the biggest continent in the world holding the most people. Since there are many people and many countries in Asia, there are many festivals and customs in Asia. Many of these festivals are also celebrated around the world.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year is a festival that takes place between the 21st of January and the 20th of February depending on the moon. In Chinese New Year, families send and receive presents, have feasts, and people parade decorated paper dragons through the city. It is celebrated in China and many other countries such as United States and Australia.

Holi

Holi is an ancient festival in India. It is the first festival of the Hindu calendar. It celebrates the arrival of spring and the fertile and rich soil of the land. The lighting of bonfires starts off the festival, which means the destruction of evil. Throwing coloured powder and coloured water is the main celebration of Holi, it shows goodwill and cheer. Because of this, Holi has become known as the ‘Festival of Colours’.

Bikaner

Another festival that is celebrated in India is the unique Bikaner Festival. It is held in a desert town in the northern part of India called Rajasthan. It is to celebrate the camel. Spectators come to watch the brightly decorated camels do things such as camel racing, camel milking, camel acrobatics and various other performances and competitions.

Naadam

Naadam is celebrated in the capital of Mongolia, Ulaanbatar. It is celebrate from July 11th to July 13th. Naadam means games. There are 3 sports, Wrestling, horse racing and archery. Both men and women participate in Naadam but only men participate in wrestling.

Apart from these festivals there are many more that are celebrated in Asia, Asia is a great place to visit especially for their unique festivals. The Bikaner Festival is interesting to me because they celebrate camels and use them in events.